

REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and remarks that follow are responsive to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following remarks and then pass the application to allowance.

Pending Claims

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled. Claims 4-20 have been added.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. However, with the cancellation of claims 1-3, this rejection is rendered moot.

Art Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Office Action, claims 1-2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shi et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,875,290) in view of Pinard et al (U.S. Pat. No. 5,657,446). Furthermore, claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shi et al in view of Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (APA) and further in view of Nozaki (U.S. Pat. No. 6,128,644).

By the present Amendment, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3 and added new claims 4-20 to recite the novel and unobvious aspects of the present invention. New independent claim 1 describes a method for obtaining internal server data from a computer network having a client and server. An HTTP path name is generated at the client and identifies a container within the server that contains administrative data about the server. The HTTP path name is transmitted from the client to the server that determines whether the HTTP path name includes the identity of the container of the server. The HTTP path name is processed by the server in order to retrieve the administrative data from the server. Once the data is retrieved, the

administrative data about the server is transmitted to the client. Claims 5-10 are dependent upon claim 4 and add further limitations thereto such as ability to change values of the data in the server with the HTTP path name.

By the present amendment, Applicant has added new independent claim 11 that describes a computer readable medium that implements a procedure for generating at a client an HTTP path name having an identity of a container within a server that contains administrative data about the server. The HTTP path name is transmitted from the client to the server. The server determines whether the HTTP path name includes the container's identity and if so processes the HTTP path name to retrieve the administrative data. Once the administrative data is retrieved, the data is transmitted from the server to the client. New claims 12-17 add further limitations to claim 11 such as the administrative data being a snapshot of values for a particular time at the server.

New independent claim 18 describes a computer network having a client computer configured to generate an HTTP path name that identifies a container within the server that has administrative data about the server. The network also has a server computer in communication with the client computer. The server computer is configured to determine whether the HTTP path name includes the container's identity and if so, then processes the HTTP path name to retrieve the administrative data. After the data has been retrieved, the server computer transmits the data to the client computer. Claims 19 and 20 add further limitations to claim 18.

Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 4, 11 and 18 are not anticipated or rendered obvious in view of Shi et al because the reference does not disclose retrieving server administrative data using the HTTP path name generated

by the client. Specifically, Shi discloses retrieving authentication information about the client using the HTTP path name. The authentication information allows the client to login with the server computer in order to perform file transfers. As seen in lines 47-61 of column 8 of the Shi reference, credential information such as user id and password are generated and received. This information allows the client computer to login with the server computer.

On the other hand, the presently claimed invention describes retrieving server administrative data with the HTTP path name. As described in the Specification, the server administrative data is information that a server administrator would want to access in order to monitor the performance of the server. Furthermore, as further explained in the Specification and newly added dependent claims, the server administrator can modify the values of the server administrative data in order to change the performance of the server.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the server administrative data is not the same as the login information that is accessible in the system described by Shi. In fact, it would not be desirable for a server administrator to access the login information because it contains secret password and user id information. The password and user id information is therefore not server administrative data that should be accessible by a server administrator. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 11 and 18 are not anticipated by Shi et al. because Shi does not disclose retrieving server administrative data. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 5-10, 12-17 and 19-20 are in condition for allowance as being dependent upon a respective allowable base claim. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4-20 are not anticipated by either the Pinard, or

Nozaki references because neither reference discloses using an HTTP path name in order to retrieve server administrative data.

Conclusion

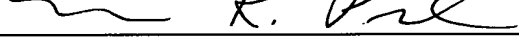
In view of the preceding discussion, Applicant respectfully urges that the claims of the present application define patentable subject matter and should be passed to allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone call would help advance prosecution of the present invention, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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